



WORKS IN PROGRESS

"We must learn to live together as brothers or we are going to perish together as fools." Martin Luther King Jr.

Linda Dimitroff

MODEL FOR HEALING RACISM

"We have a joke that we're a twelve-step group for bigots," Dan says with a smile.

He's talking about the Tuesday night meeting of Race Unity In Action. The group gathers once a week to share personal feelings and reflections about racial prejudice.

Dan has been a member of the group from its inception. He and several other members of Race Unity In Action have gathered together to share thoughts for this article:

"Sometimes we talk about our own prejudices, and at others we share how other people's prejudice has hurt us," he explains.

No agenda exists for the weekly meetings. Instead, people share whatever is on their minds or their personal experiences during the past week. Sometimes someone brings a thought provoking article or cartoon for the group to discuss.

Another member, Stephan, says "The group gives me a safe place to talk about my prejudices, to wrestle

with them. By talking about my experiences with others, it helps me to deal with my prejudices, to grow, and hopefully to overcome them."

People are encouraged to speak honestly, from their own hearts. Talking about other people's experiences is not allowed.

Dan offers an example of how the meeting has helped him. "In the first few years of my interracial marriage," he says, "I was afraid that my wife would discover that I was actually a racial bigot. I grew up in an all-white town and had limited contact with blacks. Sharing at the meetings helped me to discover I did have some residual racist attitudes, but it wouldn't mean the end of my marriage or eternal condemnation. I've found I can talk about them in this group, work through these attitudes and become more aware of when they are occurring," he adds.

Lonnie says that a central idea of the group has been to do more than preach to the converted about the evils of racism. "I truly believe that we are all part of one human family, children of one Creator. As a family we have focused on our differences in a negative way and failed to look at our similarities and appreciate our diversities."

According to another member, Pam, the group has been supportive. "I like to be with people who feel the way I do about race unity and share feelings. I feel like I am doing something to work on my feelings of superiority and (it helps) knowing that others are also work-

ing towards the same goal."

In addition to these weekly meetings, Race Unity In Action sponsors a potluck called The Friendly Supper Club the second Saturday of every month. The informal dinner serves as an opportunity for diverse people to socialize together. The idea came from a woman who had lived in Montgomery, Alabama, and attended a similar event there.

"The point of The Friendly Supper Club is to have a place to gather together, to become friends and to get to know each other. It's not a place where we bring business and/or have organized discussion of our issues. It's a social time," Stephan relates.

Race Unity In Action also occasionally sponsors workshops and public speakers. The group is currently cosponsoring a talk

by Nathan Rutstein on *Healing Racism: Education's Role and the Role of the Individual*. The talk will



Participants in a workshop by Race Unity In Action, December, 1990

Olympia Traffic Problem

Todd Litman

Alien visitors to an American city could get the wrong impression about the relationship between automobiles and humans. Seeing so much of the land devoted to roads and parking, the abundant resources consumed by motor vehicles, and

serve automobiles rather than vice versa.

Our cities may be sacrificing too much to automobiles, rather than developing human-oriented transportation systems. Over the next few months the City of Olympia will be making major decisions concerning how much we are willing to degrade the downtown and neighborhoods in order to increase

The obvious solution is to establish High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) priority lanes through downtown Olympia.

the devotion with which many people pamper their cars, it would be easy to think that people exist to

the capacity of the major east-west arterials. This is also an opportunity

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be held Saturday, June 15, from 3 to 6 pm, at Pacific Lutheran University in Chris Knutzen Hall. The event is open to the public and free.

If you would like more information about Race Unity In Action, the Tuesday meeting, The Friendly Supper Club, or Nathan Rutstein, please call 491-3765 or 459-9117.

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Letters



Report From Nicaragua

I continue to enjoy *Works*. Keep it up. Our work is continuing to progress. I recently got back from a trip to Nicaragua and Costa Rica. In Nicaragua, we are deepening our commitment to the farmer coops and trying to help them weather the onslaught from UNO government and the private sector. In a very real sense the gains of the revolution are on the line for the peasants. Without credit from banks their ability to hold lands they receive from agrarian reform is in question. Our goal is to put them on an organic coffee program (reduce their need for expensive inputs) and allowing us to pay them a social and organic premium. The question for the growers is whether they can build an organization with the resources to buy the crop from the growers and finance it prior to purchase by Equal Exchange and other alternative trade organizations. The question for us is whether the solidarity movement still breathes. With the gains of the revolution on the line will U.S. consumers be willing to pay a premium knowing it is directly benefiting small scale farmers in Nicaragua?

On the other fronts we have been working with an excellent indigenous coop in Mexico named UCIRI. I've enclosed some of our information on this group. Suffice it to say they have changed economic relations in their micro region of Oaxaca. The benefits of those changes have been a higher price for the farmers, more control over the markets, improved transportation and the breaking of the coyotes monopoly of the market.

Rick Dickinson
Equal Exchange

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Kriedler To Support Labor Center

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Labor Education and Research Center located at the Evergreen State College. I appreciate you including a copy of your letters to Governor Gardner and can certainly understand your commitment of the continuance of the Center.

I am sure you are aware that since your letter to me, Senate Republicans have released their version of the 1991-93 biennial budget and it does not include funding for the Labor Center.

I recognize the vital services the center provides to the labor movement and disagree with the actions of Senate Republicans. Rest assured I will work to reinstate funding for this worthwhile program. Since Mike will be returning in a few days to take back the Senate seat, I will also relay your support for the Center to him.

Once again, thank you for your letter, your insight into the integral role that labor plays in our society, and for your advocacy on behalf of the working women and men of this state.

Lela Kreidler
State Senator

Needed: Protest/Action

Well, I found this "latest" war (and doesn't that have a 1984 ring to it?) simply croggling in its implications. The whole thrust of the media coverage was unreal; yellow ribbons galore and not a word of Bush family oil holdings in the region. Evil Hussein and no mention that the US

A Georgist Vision Of Socialism

Dear Dave Jette and WIP,
"Henry George was a dedicated afford to pay rent for the use of land. cialism. He scorned Karl Marx as 'the Prince of Muddleheads and a most superficial thinker.' Henry George questioned the right of any government to take away, through taxation, any of the money workers rightfully earned by their labor and investors earned by the wise investment of their savings" (from a paper delivered at the Henry George Centennial, San Francisco, 1979, by P.I. Prentice, Publisher of *House & Home Magazine*, and for 25 years Vice President, Time, Inc.).

Anyone who makes a scientific analysis of economics should be able to see that a landowner with extensive holdings of valuable land is able to claim wealth (man-made consumer products) without producing any products himself. Man cannot live without access to land, therefore, the landless are compelled to work for the landowners for subsistence wages if there are enough jobs available.

only seems interested in international intervention when there is a possibility for massive booty. I keep having this sinking feeling that the human race is more stupid than is readily conceivable and deserve whatever they get... makes me a bit uneasy, seeing as how I'm riding in the same boat.

I enjoy reading *Works in Progress* and like a lot of the reporting, but I can't help but think that much of it is lip service so that people think they are obeying their consciences by talking real serious and writing the odd letter. I don't think that the government really has much problem with people protesting in legal ways, carrying signs, so forth, even developing independent parties that can't win, since big money can always outmaneuver them. There's nothing wrong with those things, in fact they are no doubt vital, but I think that strategies should be developed that attempt to stop injus-

tice, rather than just talk about how bad it is. And didn't Jesse Jackson come out in favor of the Iraqi war? I don't see anything in *WIP* about crippling the government by mass tax refusal, draft refusal, nor do I see anything about the disabling of government and military and polluting industry through on-the-job trashing of computers and files, computer viruses, disinformation and such. I don't see anything about squatting, the nature of capital, or even much that is anti-authoritarian. There are no doubt hundreds of other strategies which would be effective, but the idea of turning a dinosaur of a bureaucracy and a nation of sheep into responsible world stewards by voting and petitioning our congressmen and educating our electorate is, I'm afraid, bullshit.

Jim Keith
Sun Valley, NV

ciently.

landowners who can accumulate wealth and buy capital without producing any wealth themselves, have a monopoly because of the land they own. If labor had access to enough land, they could make their own capital, or SAVE their wages and buy capital. Landowners can buy capital with their unearned income (net-rent-of-land-after-taxes). Land owners do not go by their deserved title, landlords. They legitimize themselves by buying legitimate businesses.

Taxation of labor and capital discourages smaller landowners from making efficient use of their land. Undertaxation of such land because of its current mis-use, encourages landowners to hold the land off the market until the artificial scarcity of valuable land causes land-price inflation. Then they can sell at a large profit, and buy capital with the money. This land speculation skews the economy in favor of non-producers at the expense of producers.

Marshall Field, the First, founder of Marshall Field Department Store in Chicago once said, "land is not a

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White Power



GREETINGS FROM THE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY

Hello, you Red BASTARDS! STAND BY FOR THE DREADED WHITE GUARDS, WITH OLD GLORY IN ONE HAND AND THE CHRISTIAN FEDERAL UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN THE OTHER HAND, WE WILL RID YOU DEMOCRATIC-MARXIST SCUM FROM AMERICAN SHORES!

WHITE CHRISTIAN BOYS AND GIRLS ARE FLOCKING TO ARYAN NATIONS BY THE DROVES

Wayne Campbell
Olympia

In The Works . . .

One year ago we considered success to be another issue printed. Now, success is to have printed our anniversary issue and to have grown from four struggling individuals putting out a eight-page paper to where we have lost count of the individuals who in some way help to produce a 16-page monthly tabloid. However, believe me when I say our egos have not gained one ounce. We are so self critical that we are always surprised by compliments. (Teresa is musing over the word "humility" as a possible world saving attitude.)

Though we as a group have discussed often enough that the staff which produces this publication should not themselves become the news, I would like to introduce some of the known workers of WIP in this anniversary issue. After all, we went to not a little trouble getting most of us together for a group picture.

Teresa Jennings is a pillar of WIP, one of the original working members. A true backbone. And moral, too. In the middle of a meeting she is the one who often breaks into a conversation with, "Now wait a minute, can we really do that?" or "We must do that, it's the purpose of the paper." She is calm and steady and often there when we need a sounding board, sympathy, understanding or a reality check.

Lon Freeman is our proper conscience. Legal and social. He knows how to handle the communicating

of someone's death, the sensitive ways of dealing with others, and he cares about preserving the paper for higher purposes other than doing something stupid just to prove a minor point.

Tom Freeman is our inspirer, our ego. He doesn't hesitate to say what he thinks about the work done or the work to do. (We all find out about it because he has three-way calling.) He also doesn't skip a beat in telling people what we need, like money. And most importantly, he is our energy and our joy, and we can't help but love him.

Pat Tassoni is the paper. He is probably the most dedicated of the lot of us. He edits, does headlines and pull quotes, computer layout, physical layout, graphics, takes it to the printers, does distribution, sells ads, and occasionally, even has time to write an article. It is said that everyone is dispensable, I'm not so sure. Besides with his brilliantly dry wit, he is a pure pleasure with whom to work.

Evelyn Montague is our cheerleader. I've known Evelyn for a few years now, and I have learned that she rarely gives up. She charges ahead and has faith that things will work out. "Well, of course, it will", I can hear her say.

Chris Russo is our newer, most energetic and eager computer layout member. "You should have told me, I like doing stuff like that." His presence has allowed us to catch

way to make money.

Land is not a good way to make money. Land is not the best way to make money. Land is the only way to make money." But no one ever called him a landlord, or even a landowner, he went by the title of capitalist. He was able to become a big capitalist because he was a big landlord. There is nothing wrong with a laborer who saves some of his wages to buy capital or invest in capital (tools, means of production, wealth on its way to the consumer through warehouses, distributors, retailers and delivery trucks).

The solution of the problem of unearned incomes, laundered by the purchase of capital, is to untax all earned incomes of labor and capital, and to replace those taxes by collecting all of the rent-of-land as public revenue. The presence and activity of the people in the community (local, state, national and international) makes the land valuable. The more people, the more activity, the more valuable the locations become. The source of public revenue naturally grows as the need for public revenue grows.

Every tax, except a heavy tax on land-values, raises prices and discourages production and reduces employment opportunities. Removal of all those other taxes will improve the economy by giving people the incentive to produce and to benefit the community with efficient use of land. Collecting the rental-value of land as public revenue encourages landowners to put

their land to good use, or sell the capital and transfer the land-title to someone who will make good use of the land.

In private enterprise the man who owns the capital is responsible for its use, and takes the loss if he makes a wrong decision. That is why private enterprise is so much better than government controlled enterprise. Politicians and bureaucrats are experts at dodging responsibility for the failure of government programs.

Give private enterprise the incentive to produce and make it impossible for landowners to charge other people for permission to use their land. Then everyone can earn a living without fighting taxes and land-price inflation and the inflation of the price of everything that is made from the land and on the land (that covers everything).

Henry George learned all of this through scientific analysis of economics, but Karl Marx never made sense out of any of it.

Let us privatize land, labor, capital, wages and interest. Let us socialize the rent-of-land instead of trying to socialize earned incomes and private property. more than one-third of our earned income is now being socialized while all incentive to produce is being destroyed. Wake up and smell the coffee.

Marvin Saillard, Olympia



Olan Mills

our breaths and renew our interest in doing what needs to be done.

Kendra Jennings is rarely seen but occasionally wonderful photos turn up via her mother. (I.E., Teacher's Rally at the capital, the DNR story pictures) She is hard at work as an Evergreen undergraduate at the moment but we're hoping for great things to come this summer.

Matt Love is the professional. He seems to know, more than anyone else what this paper should look like. How to make up headlines, where space should be, why we shouldn't tombstone (placing headline right next to each other) and a million other things we do and probably shouldn't. He's a great graphic artist, too.

Al Zimmerman is our amazing man. Sometimes we just lean back and be amazed. He can sit down to do a graphic or cartoon and in a matter of minutes, it will be done, to size, perfect. Also, something not to be forgotten is that he is a gentle and kind man.

Marie Smith, well hey, she's my mother. She makes cookies for meetings, does mailings, proof reads, data entry, sends in donations, and Tom Freeman keeps telling me, "Your mother, she's such a sweet lady." Yes, she is.

Chris Jordan, bless his heart, takes great photos of people at rallies and is ever supportive even though his evening shift job prevents him from being more involved.

Pat Holm is one lovely person. Someone to admire, well, I do and I think I'm right. When she has time and we remember to call her, she edits, writes, creates headlines and does pull quotes. She's so good!

Joanne McCaughan I have met, but unfortunately our visits are few and far between. Somehow I haven't maintained communication with her, possibly because of both of our seemingly hectic schedules. (Joanne, if you happen to read this, please give one of us a call. We haven't given up on you and we hope you haven't given up on us.)

Dave Campbell is one of our believers and he distributes WIP where ever he goes, and he goes a lot of places. Teresa and Dave make a special point of going out Sunday mornings after each issue is printed,

delivering the paper to door steps, stores, restaurants and have lately started doing so to the far reaches of Thurston County.

Barb Bellettiere, along with Dave Campbell, sells ads for WIP. She is a hard core active participant at SPEECH and has no qualms about asking for money to support organizations she believes in, a much valued quality here at WIP as well as SPEECH. Barb is alright, she's got her head on straight.

Dave Jette (not pictured) is the most distance of the lot, miles wise. Yet, he has even traveled the hour and a half drive to help with layout, editing, headlines and pull quotes. More than the rest of us, he considers WIP to be of the utmost importance. He has a silly and witty sense of humor, and I can imagine he would get suddenly quiet if you were to mention that he has a awfully big heart.

As for myself, I am often called the "Coordinator General" (loving I hope). After the first few issues my role on the paper was to coordinate everyone's activities and as anyone who has studied the dynamics of power can well envision, I gained quite a bit of internal political weight. Fortunately, during the last few months WIP has flattened down to a more non-hierarchical structure and I think we are much better off.

A few weeks back a person I was talking to described WIP as a collective. Yes, I thought, we do work collectively to produce a product and what we earn in satisfaction, we earn together, yet I think that there is so much left unmentioned. Maybe a "group of cousins" would better represent us. Yeah, I like that, we're related but not too close. You know, I really do love these guys. Happy birthday WIP and may you never forget your purpose; to be a tool of communication for more and more people whose voices are often unheard.

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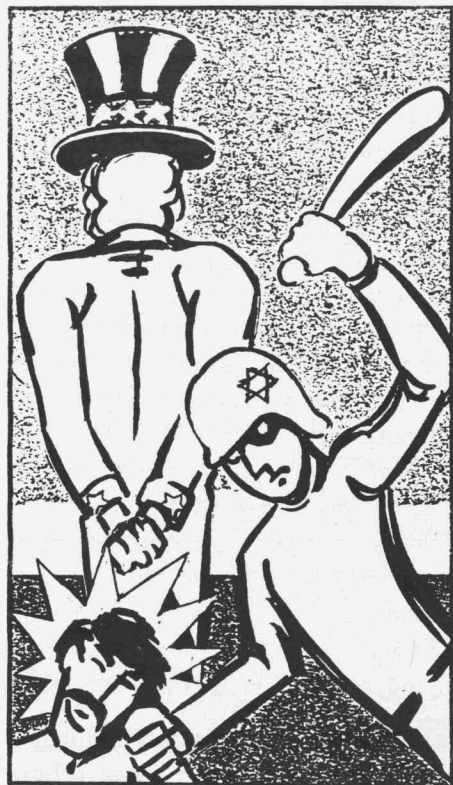
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U.S. Middle East Role Needs To Change

Alexander Cockburn

It takes a war to make people optimistic about the potential of peace and so it was in late January that President Bush declared that "when this war is over the United States, its credibility and its reliability restored, will have a key leadership role in helping to bring peace to the rest of the Middle East."

The war concluded, Bush duly promulgated his Mideast peace plan



and Secretary of State Baker commenced his wanderings, tacking to and fro between Tel Aviv, Damascus, Riyadh and other staging posts on what has turned out to be the road to nowhere. Peace, it turns out, doesn't come easy. There are intransigent Arabs and an intransigent Israel. The familiar hunt for the perfect Palestinian negotiating partner continues. Only the tenac-

ity of honest broker Baker keeps the peace show from ending up in the ditch.

This is the absurd scenario foisted on Americans by their government, abetted by most of the press, which solemnly reports the farcical ritual of the "search for peace" as though it could conceivably have any chance of success, which it most plainly does not.

Start with the Baker plan, which turns out to be the Shamir plan and which the US is alone in the world endorsing. Actually the Baker-Shamir plan is really the coalition plan of Likud and Labor and should therefore be called the Baker-Shamir-Peres plan, whose three central premises are: There can be no "additional Palestinian state" (since such a state already exists, in the shape of Jordan). Second, the Palestinians are not to be permitted their own representatives. In other words, no PLO. Third, no change in the status of Judea, Samaria and Gaza other than in accordance with the basic guidelines of the government of Israel.

Anyone wanting a clear idea of what these "basic guidelines" consist of has merely to listen to Yitzhak Shamir who is bracingly forthright on the subject. The Israeli prime minister declared on Israeli TV on April 10 that "To this day no Israeli government has decided or committed itself to stop building in Judea, Samaria and Gaza -- and this will not happen. We will continue to build there. This is an issue that has no relation to the negotiations between us and the Arab states. ... This is an internal affair."

At the onset of one Baker visit, Shamir's welcome took the form of attending the opening of a new mu-

seum dedicate to his old crowd, the terrorist Stern gang, murderers of Lord Moyne and Count Bernadotte. A postcard in the museum is adorned with a fine map of the Stern gang's ideal of a Greater Israel. It's as though, in one of the delicate sessions now ongoing on the future of Northern Ireland, the Irish prime minister started singing "A Nation Once Again" in the face of the British ambassador.

So what does the Baker-Shamir-Peres plan offer Palestinians? It calls for "free elections" under Israeli military occupation, while any Palestinian whom Israel finds unwelcome are arrested, humiliated, tortured, expelled. The main objective for Israel in the past three years has been the crushing of the intifada, which has now -- with unspeakable brutali-

the severity of military occupation to . . . somewhere else, like Dearborn. It doesn't need the coercion of an army to make a place empty out, as anyone visiting the west of Ireland will soon discover. For Palestinians who remain there will be, as Noam Chomsky recently wrote, the liberty under the Baker-Shamir-Peres plan to "set local tax rates in Nablus and collect garbage in Ramallah."

Of course Hafiz al-Assad of Syria is a butcher and a tyrant, but what in this instance does Syrian intransigence amount to? Like almost every nation in the world beyond rejectionist Israel and rejectionist American Syria calls for a proper international conference under UN auspices. Given what Baker is proposing, why does any Arab government, however squalid it may be in diplomatic intention and maneuver, have any grounds for thinking that the present US scheme is anything other than a joke?

There will never be any sound basis for diplomatic advance towards a settlement of outstanding issues in the Middle East unless the US is prepared to get tough with Israel.

ties -- been largely achieved. This Israeli rejectionism, abetted and endorsed by the US, was in force long before the PLO's posture on that invasion permitted the US to claim that it had become an "unacceptable" negotiating party.

For Israel the Baker "peace round" is the scrim behind which the final crushing of Palestinians' aspirations takes place, with West Bank agriculture destroyed by curfews and theft of Palestinian water rights, with Palestinian jobs in Israel proper severely circumscribed, with Soviet Jews filling in the space left by Palestinians "transferred" by economic duress and

There will never be any sound basis for diplomatic advance towards a settlement of outstanding issues in the Middle East unless the US is prepared to get tough with Israel. The only way to do this is to impose or to threaten -- as Eisenhower and Dulles did in 1953 and again in 1956 -- a cut off in aid. Unless the Israeli government perceives that this is a serious card in the US hand, talk of honest brokerage or "key leadership role" is a demeaning fraud.

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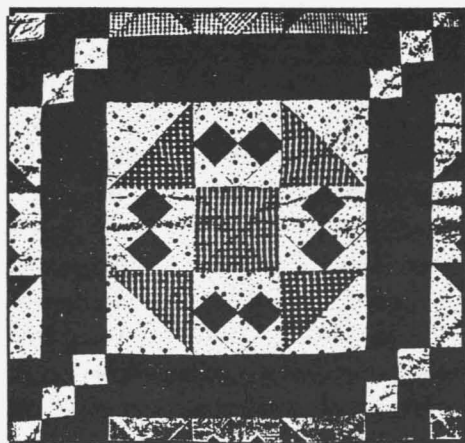
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Thomas Mitchell Freeman

Progressive Higher Education recognizes that a major defining characteristic of the 21st Century will be diversity. Blacks, Hispanics and Asians are expected to comprise 25% of the U.S. population by the year 2,000 from an 1985 figure of 21%. This means that people with differing values, lifestyles and ethnicities will interact in greater numbers than ever before. On college campuses the preparation for a multicultural society through progressive education that explore

Multi-culturalism Under Attack for Compromising "Standards" in Higher Education

Mideast to higher education's innovative alternatives to dominant culture's history, practices and ideals. Time magazine attacks a "new thinking" in higher education that is branching out into secondary schools which dares to "bring about social change." It hysterically exposes higher education's secret agenda of defining "the bulk of American history and heritage as racist, sexist and classist" as if such recognition is in some way conspiratorial or dictatorial. However, identifying history's limitations - including its racism, sexism, classism and homophobia - can empower creativity and lead to new thinking that promotes community and holistic living. It is an absolute fact that standard, traditional American history has been written by the "win-

plores these realities broadens the scope of the lenses by which we view our world and empowers us in making decisions that support our planetary health and communities.

Those who attack the "political correct" attitudes on college campuses, such as national columnist George Will and arch-conservative Patrick Buchanan, argue that academic freedom and free speech is suffering at the hands of tenured radicals from the sixties who are the professors of today. Liberal Arts education, however, has always had a subversive edge to it and the experimentation that academicians are currently participating in is not out of the ordinary. Furthermore, education has never been value free, but has traditionally served the interests of elite, rich white, heterosexual America. Colleges and Universities have traditionally been the training ground for tomorrow's leaders, especially the private schools of the east. Public higher education is a relatively recent entity and the financial aid programs of the 60's, 70's, and to a lesser extent, the 80's, have opened doors of opportunities for populations previously shut-out from educational training and advancement.

The backlash against the educational ideals of multiculturalism and the inclusiveness of its literature, history and social perspectives should not come as a surprise to any of us. As Sarah Pedersen, Dean of the Evergreen State College Library once wrote "...the weight of cultural dominance will always work to defeat academic experimentation... We all [have experienced] thorough training in the dominant culture, which is, as we have heard so many times, racist, sexist, hierarchical, power driven, elitist and destructive both to the human spirit and planetary wealth." Lucia Harrison, Director of the Graduate Program in Public Administration at Evergreen and founding member of the Washington State Rainbow Coalition, points out the irony of the Time magazine attack on multicultural, progressive education following an exposé on police brutality against ethnic minorities in Los Angeles in the wake of the videotaped beating of a black man by members of that city's police force.

An organization of traditional "professors," known as the National Association of Scholars, has attacked multiculturalism and charges campuses with disregarding tolerance and fairness and prompting "divisive calculations of group interests." They fear that "standards" [once again determined and measured by dominant culture] are being compromised and that western democracy itself is in jeopardy. Feminist theory, gay studies, black history, ethnic literature, Marxist theory, social change theory and programs focusing on multicultural sensitivity are viewed with disdain and fear.

As progressives, we must be vigilant in our support for inclusive education. Right-wing political action committees see the controversy over multicultural education as the issue to organize against in an attempt to rebuild their financial and political influence which has waned recently from their considerable power in the early - and mid-80's. No one is suggesting that Shakespeare should not be read, or that Western European History should not be offered. It is when these become the measure by how one is viewed as "educated" that problems exist.

If we are to survive as a planet and as a people, we must continue to explore new ideas and expose painful truths about our history. We must appreciate the rich, diverse voices that are available for study and learn about the contributions that all cultures have made to our country and our heritage. To do this, we must take the offensive, expose the right-wing agenda for what it is: a pipe-dream return of the "good old days" where privileged wealthy white men ran the world and the rest of us knew our place. As the old black spiritual song goes, "Ain't gonna let nobody turn us around, turn us around, turn us around. We're gonna build a brand new world!"

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On college campuses the preparation for a multicultural society through progressive education that explore issues of race, class, gender and sexuality is under ferocious attack by the right-wing.

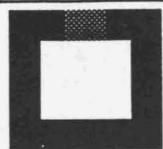
issues of race, class, gender and sexuality is under ferocious attack by the right-wing who claim that objectivity and standards are being compromised. The right-wing says a code of political-correctness is destroying intellectual inquiry and freedom of speech.

I recently discussed this subject with Evergreen faculty Ron Sakolsky. He asked me if I've noticed how the right-wing policy makers and its propaganda machinery will often latch onto progressive, innovative values - mutate them and claim them for their own. For example, they'll insist that there is no need for civil rights legislation because we have General Colin Powell leading our boys with their toys into the battlefield and victory, which proves that anybody can make it in America. They'll bemoan feminism and equal rights for women, claiming that legislative protection is unnecessary since women can now serve in the military.

With the war declared over by the government and big business, attention is shifting away from the

ners" in society. Those who conquered this hemisphere wrote the books that proclaimed the righteousness of their actions. The elitist white men who created the Constitution of the United States in reaction to the popular uprising known as "Daniel Shay's Rebellion," were the richest living men on the continent at that time. Each of the "framers" owned slaves, had extensive land holdings, and feared losing their property to rebellious farmers organizing against unfair taxes and credit crunches.

When the conquerors first landed on American shores, approximately 14 million Native Americans were thriving on this continent; today, their numbers have dwindled to around 250,000. The only explanation for this is purposeful genocide by our dominant culture. History has often told grim stories about the extermination of Jewish populations at the hands of the Nazis in World War II, but it refuses to acknowledge the hundreds of thousands of gay men and women who also died, along with gypsies and other "impure" groups. That higher education ex-



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Feminist Ways of Knowing and Interacting in the Classroom

Marcy Toms

As we enter the third decade of the modern feminist movement, many of us wonder if feminism is obsolete. We have seen considerable advances by, and for, women in education, employment, reproductive rights, political influence, and the law. In schools, physical education is co-educational, many administrators are women, everyone can wear pants, and boys learn how to bake pies. All is right with a world comfortably post-feminist. Or is it?

Even for those of us whose feminism is deeply ingrained, numerous recent events and revelations cause serious concern and compel us to renew our activism: increasing violence against women (horribly illustrated by the Montreal Massacre), the movement to limit women's reproductive rights, and the crisis of self-image evident in a rise in compulsive dieting and anorexia. Educators are uniquely placed to address these issues in classrooms that advance an egalitarian and care-motivated ethic. In particular, feminist ideas and the experience of women teachers will be crucial in developing such an ethic.

Women's socialized identity is both a burden and a blessing. Most Western cultures require of women the desire for attachment, the recognition of the value of caring for and responsibility to others, and a concern to help others reach goals, or to develop certain skills and abilities. This, as Carol Gilligan has pointed out, is "The moral imperative...an injunction to care..." This care is not innate; it is a function of socialization. Further, it has intrinsic value, as it is predicated on preservation of life and on personal connection to make social life meaningful.

Paradoxically, patriarchal atti-

tudes equate the feminist struggle for rights with an abdication of women's traditional nurturing of others. As the acquisition of rights loosens bonds of servitude, men will indeed give up certain patriarchal privileges. The potential benefits for men, however, especially related to childcare and the acceptability of expressing a wide range of emotions, are considerable. Indeed, the most effective, student-centered teaching strategies have been gleaned from women primary teachers, who have always said, "We care about and teach children not subjects." The lesson in caring is as applicable in the senior chemistry lab as the kindergarten class.

Feminism attempts to reconcile the traditional segregation of personally, and the celebration of an independent identity which thus far only men have enjoyed. Educators can play an important part in developing women's autonomy by encouraging young women to plan for higher education and careers and by creating classrooms where girls take intellectual risks. We need to give young women the skills and experi-



ence of assertiveness. Most girls still expect that marriage will be more important than waged employment in their futures. Thus, in this post-feminist era, girls grow to womanhood expecting that economic dependence is inevitable.

The connection between "women/ness" and the care and protection of others can transform all human relations. Conversely, it

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sonal life from social and political life. This reconciliation brings into sharp focus the harm done to men, women, and children by "genderizing" affective traits and, in the context of education, by eliminating relationships of care from traditional secondary schools.

For many men, the feminist requirement of autonomy represents both a repudiation of men, person-

also convinces girls that they should naturally desire motherhood and careers traditionally deemed most appropriate for women.

The waged service done by women—including nursing and elementary school teaching—is socially undervalued. Moreover, the highly developed affective qualities of supportiveness, nurturance, and infinite patience needed to do such work are often ridiculed as signs of fragility and intellectual weakness. Indeed, on a larger scale, being a woman is less valued than being a man.

The fully mature male in Western society is expected to develop detachment and emotional separation from others to facilitate objectivity. Women, on the other hand, learn to mature with their empathic abilities intact. Decision-making in business and the professions has largely required the "objective" traditional male approach. Will women bring more caring and empathy into high-profile positions, or will they adhere to well-established patriarchal patterns? What can and should we expect from women school administrators? Many teachers would argue that teaching and administering are and must be "gender free." But I suggest that certain socialized gender qualities—care, empathy, attachment, supportiveness—provide an ideal and necessary framework

for human relations. Such qualities should be internalized by all educators.

Women have now made significant inroads in medicine and law, and in some universities, women have begun to form the majority of first-year students in both disciplines. UBC Law, 1988, is one example. It will be important for feminist scholars to chart the specialties of women lawyers: will they choose family law or criminal law? Teachers and counsellors should encourage young women to break the worn-out molds of genderized education and careers. One way to transform and improve the reality for women engineers for example, and for engineering in general, is to have more women enroll in engineering schools. That has happened in Montreal in the aftermath of the massacre.

A few successful challenges to male-dominated work ghettos notwithstanding, the gender composition among educators in the B.C. school system remains unequal, despite a recent influx of women into administration. Districts like Vancouver advertise that they are "equal opportunity employers"; others like Burnaby, appear to be promoting more women than men to administrative positions. Most teachers remain women, and most educational administrators men; so, the gender imbalance persists. At the university level, and at SFU in particular, women comprise more than 50% of undergraduate enrollment, but only 15.2% of faculty are women.

Women's care, concern, and selflessness have been increasingly influential, especially at the elementary level. Thus, teaching can be a force for gender balance and for the establishment of co-operative, trusting, and participatory learning. Women's concern for the affective, desire to foster relationships, attention to individuals, and preference for whole environments are the most positive values, the highest virtues of the educator. These values are not exclusive to women; they are potentially universal, and they are the values that must mark the next decade. Educators who espouse and use feminist values and methods will be able to help create sustainable societies on a living planet. Such values and the ways of working they reflect represent a vital, active alternative methodology to the patriarchal model of learning and teaching general in present-day secondary education.

Happily, feminist values and preferences, based on but transcending traditional "women's ways," appear to be present in some evolving curricula and strategies, especially at the primary and intermediate levels. Many of the ideas, foci, and activities of the "new curriculum" emerged from elementary school classroom cultures controlled primarily by women. The new curricula includes whole language, inter-disciplinary studies, co-operative learning and other

Help Organize Labor Day Celebration

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... if it's a racist, sexist, classist environment and curriculum you're concerned about, we will refer you to someone else.

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When the student body govern-

student-centred approaches. It extends to multiage classrooms, the universal curriculum, global education, environmental education, an emphasis on the "whole child" and on feelings and social as well as academic and vocational skills. By employing these tools creatively and thoughtfully in our classrooms, educators can make a telling impact on the children who will grow to adulthood in a new—and with much hard work and some luck—feminist century.

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ment is abusive, don't fret. You're imagining it anyway. You have to expect these things, we're all learning.

We will tell you that everyone is welcome, that we are working so hard. We will point with pride to our brand new Multicultural Affairs Council (M.A.C.) which brought music, singing, dancing, films, and speaking to our campus. Of course M.A.C. can't be part of the governance, but it can advise us. It can advise us, but will we listen?

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PEOPLE ARE NOT A DISPOSABLE COMMODITY

Thomas LeCompte

Through the miracle of modern media, we are now painfully aware of many of the evils created by our "throwaway" society. Humanity's devastation of the earth and its natural resources has produced many unwanted products and bi-products. Slowly but certainly, recycling is taking hold and gaining momentum. The city of Olympia's curbside recycling program has been

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tremendously successful at reducing the waste stream.

Conservation and re-use of natural resources are wise ideas in a society where natural resources are greatly valued. However, there exists an area of natural resources which, if anything, is becoming more and more disposable. Ironically, it is perhaps the most valuable resource that exists—one which is just as essential to a thriving society as air, water, or trees—and that is people. As education and social programs continue to face the budget axe, greater numbers of people are falling victim to the concept of the "throwaway" society.

Ask the elderly, rotting in nursing homes whose staff are too overworked and underpaid for their highly demanding jobs to give ad-

a smile and ask "What would make you think that?"

We will do fancy footwork, we will play good cop/bad cop. We will pass you from hand to hand like a hot potato. And we will hope and pray that you go away.

The above is what I, and other students, hear from the SPSCC ad-

ministrators. We do have a few allies on campus. But we have hit up against the blank unyielding wall of administration. The general tone of SPSCC is tense, uncomfortable, and unwelcoming. As a fellow student says, "We have to rock the boat, some of us are drowning."

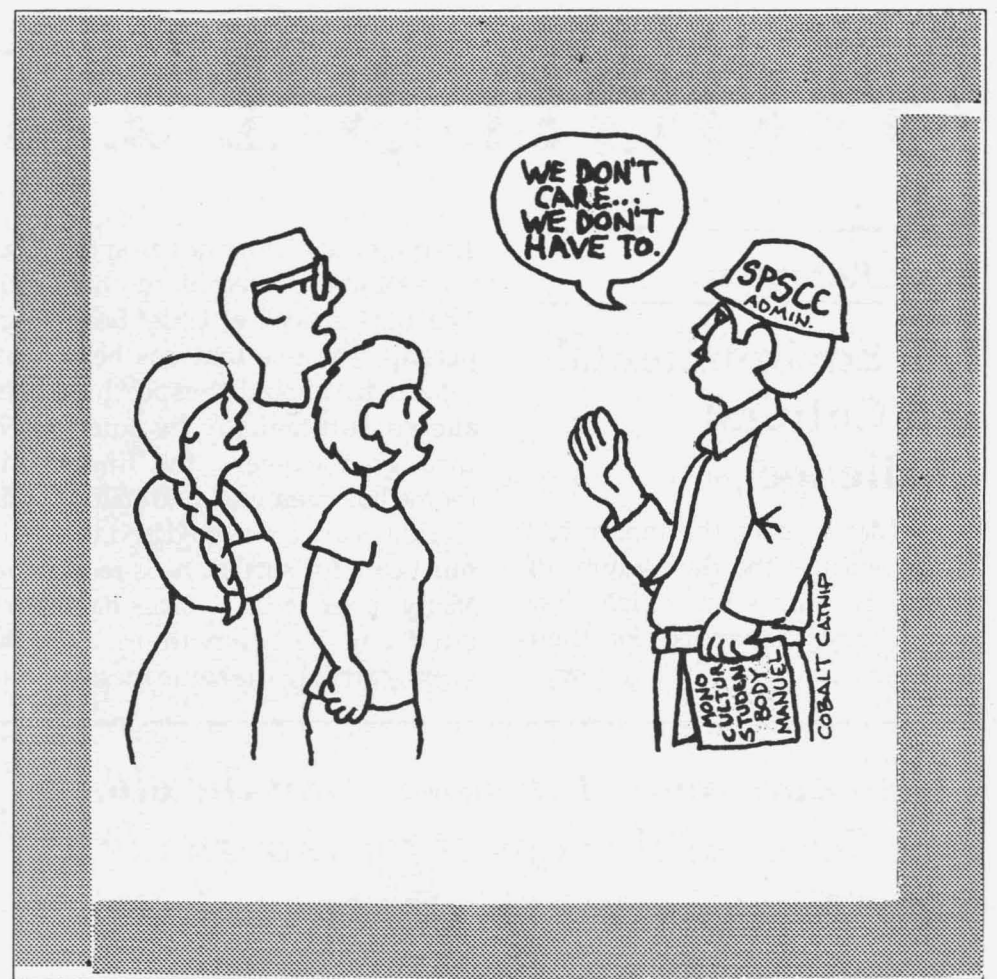
deed can be us in the future.

Like the solid waste problem, the situation of 'disposable' people has gone largely unchecked for many years, and has grown quickly out of hand (and possibly beyond the mind as well). Must this problem continue to surpass crisis levels before steps are taken to solve it?

The mounting effort of environmental activists to conserve and protect our natural resources over the past twenty or so years is beginning to pay off.

Now that an awareness of the situation has been established, people are paying more attention to the choices being made and the effects of those decisions on society. This change has not been "easy, instant or microwaveable in just minutes." Much energy and focused attention has been placed into events which have changed not only the thoughts of citizens, but their actions and values as well.

It is this same focused energy, hard work, and dedication necessary to change values which is crucial to the conservation of people. Clearly, this society must begin to value its people more than its things. We cannot shout at government, who is "of, by, and for the people" of this country. The results of the "Republican Regime" can readily be seen in our streets, prisons, nursing homes, mental institutions, and places of employment. "We the people, in order to form a more perfect union," must shoulder the responsibility ourselves. The choice is ours. Let's not waste our human resources. STOP HUMAN WASTE NOW!



Moon's Prayer, Wisdom

Steve Robinson

The Environmental and Cultural Challenge

For Many years, the Indian has had to endure the devastation of natural resources on which they have always depended for their sustenance, culture...their very way

"The environment is something the elders have been talking about for thousands of years. They are constantly trying to tell us to slow down, watch out, be careful..."

Ken Cooper, Lummi

of life. They have seen water, the blood of the earth, treated as a sewer. They have seen rivers dry up, great dams constructed across salmon channels and poison poured into the air, streams and bays.

Despite a century of persecution and repression, the voice of the Indian has never been entirely stilled.

The Moon's Prayer Questing Rules to Live an Honorable Life

1. MENTAL HARMONY: I shall think only good of myself. This shall lead me toward harmony within my mind;
2. PHYSICAL HARMONY: I shall keep my body clean and strong inside and outside. This shall lead me to physical harmony;
3. SOCIAL HARMONY: I shall think only good of all my brothers and sisters of society. This shall lead toward harmony with all of human kind;
4. ENVIRONMENTAL HARMONY: I shall strive to protect Father Sky and Mother Earth from harm. This shall lead to harmony with the natural world and environment;
5. SPIRITUAL HARMONY: I shall make sure all my prayers are humble and only seek to fulfill the above to provide spiritual harmony.

For more information about the Moon's Prayer Foundation, contact Jewell Praying Wolf James at P.O. Box 121, Bellingham, WA 98227, (206) 647-6258 or 738-3263.

Throughout history he has spoken out in an effort to protect his mother Earth. The 1854 speech of Chief Sealth was perhaps the one that has been most repeated. Although the speech has been altered substantially by interpreters through the years, the underlying theme has been well understood, that all things are connected and that man must care for earth if he is to survive. Many other Indian voices have rung out from the reservations over the years, carrying the same message and

mizes its impact on water, land and all the living things dependent on them.

The "voice of the elders", the connection with the wisdom of the ages, provides the foundation upon which the tribes are building highly credible contemporary programs in environmental protection. As sovereign governments, the tribes regulate environmental management programs on-reservation, and participate at the policy level on numerous programs and projects with the United States government, state government and local government. Examples include the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority, Timber/Fish/Wildlife, comprehensive water resource planning, fish and wildlife resource management programs, watershed planning, oil and gas conservation planning, the Northwest Power Planning Council, as well as programs coordinated with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State Department of Ecology. The state and the tribes co-manage the fishery resource, and have thus constructed the most comprehensive, efficient fishery

crying out for the sake of generations to come. Unfortunately, the crying has fallen on deaf ears. Chief Sealth's message has been repeated over and over again, but even those who quoted it very seldom understood it, or lived

"I don't want to tell my greatgrandchildren, 'this is a picture of the salmon'! We have to be on record that this is not our way."

by its principles.

Very little thought has been given to the fish and the deer and the birds of the sky as bulldozers have continually ripped into virgin earth, rivers have been channelized and blacktop has been laid seemingly everywhere. Builders have built building after building. Timber barons have cut down tree after tree. Dams have blocked off the salmon migration routes on river after river. Factories and mills have belched out tons of toxic waste and non-point pollution has leached into the waters of the state at an alarming rate. Fish and wildlife habitat diminished as a result and thus important sources of food and cultural enrichment have become jeopardized.

The Tribes and the Environment Today

The age old reliance of the tribes on fish and wildlife, as well as vegetation ranging from cedar trees to medicinal herbs, remains. The need for connection with all of the gifts of nature remains, and so does their need for spiritual sustenance that can be provided only by the strengths of the past, with an eye toward the future. Population growth, particularly in western Washington has made the quest for solutions to these things all the more difficult. There may be little that the tribes, or anyone else, can do to curb this growth. But there is much that can be done to manage development and resource usage in a manner that mini-

management program in the world today. The result of these efforts is hope restored, not only for the Indian, but for all citizens. The tribes, for their part, work with the state to develop cooperative management plans on every salmon run. They conduct water sampling, stream clean up, broodstock and resource inventory programs. They release millions of fish reared in tribal hatcheries into Washington waters every year. They operate a highly professional fish health program. And much, much more.

"I don't want to tell my greatgrandchildren, 'this is a picture of the salmon'! We have to be on record that this is not our way."

Oliver Mason, Quinault

Each of these efforts, as well as legislative programs such as growth management planning and wetland management, contributes significantly to the preservation of precious natural resources, blended with wise economic development. The tribes are not obstructionist to economic development, but rather advocates of wise, cooperative planning and resource management. In a recent column published by the Los Angeles Times, California Con-

gressman George Miller pointed out it is a certain sign of progress that "Dances With Wolves", a powerful film that addresses the harmonious relationship the tribes have had with their environment, recently won the Academy Award for Best Movie of the Year, particularly considering that just two decades ago Marlon Brando used the Awards as a platform to draw national attention to the exploitation of Indians in films. In the same column, however, Congressman Miller pointed out that the high school graduation rate among Indians nationwide is 43 percent, the poverty rate is 45 percent and the unemployment rate is 35 percent (and more than 80 percent on some reservations). He pointed out that the federal government has utterly failed to live up to its trustee relationship with the tribes, or its promises to uphold their rights. These statements are on target, although the highly positive results of government-to-government relationships and cooperative resource management in Washington State have begun to shed light on a new, logical method of Indian/non-Indian interaction.

In this spirit, the 100th U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution acknowledging the major contribution made by the tribes to the development of the U.S. Constitution, reconfirming the sovereignty of the

tribes and pledging to work with the tribes on a government-to-government basis. The State of Washington signed the Centennial Accord with the tribes in 1989, also pledging a government-to-government relationship. And some counties and other local governments have done the same.

Although Washington State has become a showcase of positive Indian/non-Indian relations, it would be naive to conclude that no prob-



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lems remain. The work has just begun. There is much left to do. But the future of the Northwest, its resources, and its Indian and non-Indian people are worth it.

Indian in the Moon

A symbol of the concern the indigenous people have for the environment is visible every time there is a full moon. The next time you see a full moon rising, notice the image of

"O Mighty Spirit,
Great Father,
forgive them for
not loving Mother
Earth; but save
her...for the children!"

-Moon's Prayer

an Indian in a ceremonial sitting position, with two feathers in his hair. He has bowed his head, as he would

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prayer. It is
an image that
can be seen every
month from every part of

the earth. It is an image that represents the spirit of the indigenous people of this planet, saddened by the environmental damage it has undergone at the hands of men, but hopeful that people of all nations will one day work together to save Mother Earth.

The concept of the "Indian in the moon", inspired by Lummi/Upper Skagit creation stories, in turn inspired the establishment of Moon's Prayer Foundation. The foundation, chaired by Jewell Praying Wolf James of the Lummi Indian Nation, hopes the image will be recognized as a symbol of guidance in the Indian tradition of seeking a guiding spirit. The foundation offers the prayer featured to the left for those who wish to gather spiritual strength from this symbol.

The words of the prayer acknowledge the inherent relationship of the Indian with nature, and provide impetus to the effort to base future en-

vironmental protection activities on the strength to be found in the wisdom of the ages.

Elders' Council

Among the tribes, it is traditional for younger people to be still and listen whenever an elder speaks, because the elders have accumulated wisdom over time. Their words are those of experience, those of the ages. While the youth of other cultures might not relate to this concept, it is traditional for the youth of the tribes to be taught that they have two ears and only one mouth for a reason. They should spend twice as much time listening as they do talking. And they must listen to the elders.

On July 23, 1989, Indian elders and other tribal officials gathered in the Tulalip Longhouse to consider the historic, current and future relationship of the Indian and the environment. This council provided the basis for the production of the hour-long movie, "Moon's Prayer, Wisdom of the Ages", now available on VHS video cassette to schools and community groups on request.

Indigenous people in attendance at the council included representatives from other countries, including Canada, Mexico and the Soviet Union, as well as other states. Many statements were made, including those highlighted in "Moon's Prayer". The

Moon's Prayer, The Movie

"Moon's Prayer, Wisdom of the Ages" is a video program co-produced by the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and KIRO-TV, with funding support by the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority. The program is based on the premise that the concepts and thoughts of tribal ancestors of a thousand generations are reflected in the voice of the tribal elders, and that these voices provide the guidance needed to turn the tide on pollution and other environmental problems.

The hour long documentary, includes a glimpse at the history of the tribes, and their relationship with the environment, tribal interviews, and features on tribal participation in environmental programs. While the program focuses on the Puget Sound and Washington Coast, the ideas and principles discussed are universal.

For information about "Moon's Prayer", contact the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission at 6730 Martin Way E. Olympia, WA 98506.

resolution printed below represented a formal, worldwide position on the part of indigenous people.

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Indigenous People Resolution

The participants of the elder's council developed the following resolution for presentation to the United Nations General Assembly, the U.S. Congress and the governors of every state:

We, the representatives of the indigenous people of different countries, have come together to hold a meeting aimed at protecting our environment, and preventing the destruction of vital life structures. We address you and propose the following:

1. It is necessary to organize an International Congress of Indigenous People of different countries under the United Nations. The charters and program of the Congress should be of different countries and their referendums. It is a moral duty of all of the governments and states to support and assist setting up such a Congress.
2. Every government and state should introduce new laws and amend its constitution according to the International Convention on Human Rights, to give the indigenous people a right to their native lands, natural resources and water.
3. The royalties for the use of the indigenous peoples' lands, natural resources and water by industrial corporations, firms, and organizations should not be less than 50 percent of the profits from these resources or whatever percentage is claimed by referendum by the indigenous peoples' of specific regions.
4. It is a moral duty of all the government and state to promote the cooperation through economic, social and cultural contacts of the indigenous people of different countries, namely: the exchange of specialists, college students and teachers, and delegations of artists, writers, scientists and financial aid workers.

(Resolution drafted by indigenous representatives from Soviet Union)

Justice For Domingo And Viernes

Kimberley Wilson

On May 20, 1991, Federal Judge Mariana Pfaelzer of Los Angeles approved payment of the two million dollar negotiated settlement from Imelda Marcos to the families of two men who were murdered in 1981 for their anti-Marcos activities and union reform leadership. The families of Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes will receive compensation as the first time a foreign dictator has been brought to justice for activists murdered for their political activities on American soil.

Judge Pfaelzer has put an international injunction on all of the Marcos family money. She is the judge who is hearing all of the Philippine government cases against the Marcos family's alleged stealing of billions of dollars from the Philippine government during their reign. Therefore, Judge Pfaelzer's approval was needed for payment of this court ordered settlement.

Another recent victory in this ten year struggle for justice was the April sentencing to life in prison, without parole, for Constantine "Tony" Baruso. He was the former,

corrupt president of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, and his .45 caliber Mac-10 submachine gun was used in the murders. Three men were convicted to life imprisonment in 1981 and 1982 as the hit men who carried out the murders. Baruso's conviction followed a two and one-half week trial in Seattle's Superior Court that proved he played an important role in the murders.

Prior litigation from the 1989 civil

... to continue discussion and activism around the issues Domingo and Viernes fought for such as, rank and file union reform, anti-imperialism organizing, and promoting the rights of working people, particularly people of color.

suit proved that the Marcoses headed an illegal intelligence operation that caused the deaths of Domingo and Viernes. In this case, Ferdinand Marcos, testifying in a videotaped deposition taken in 1986 and 1987 invoked the Fifth Amendment over 25 times when

Kate Thompson



Gene Viernes



Silme Domingo

questioned by the lawyer of the victim's family. Baruso invoked the Fifth Amendment 105 times when asked about his role in the murders during this legal proceeding. After

ders.

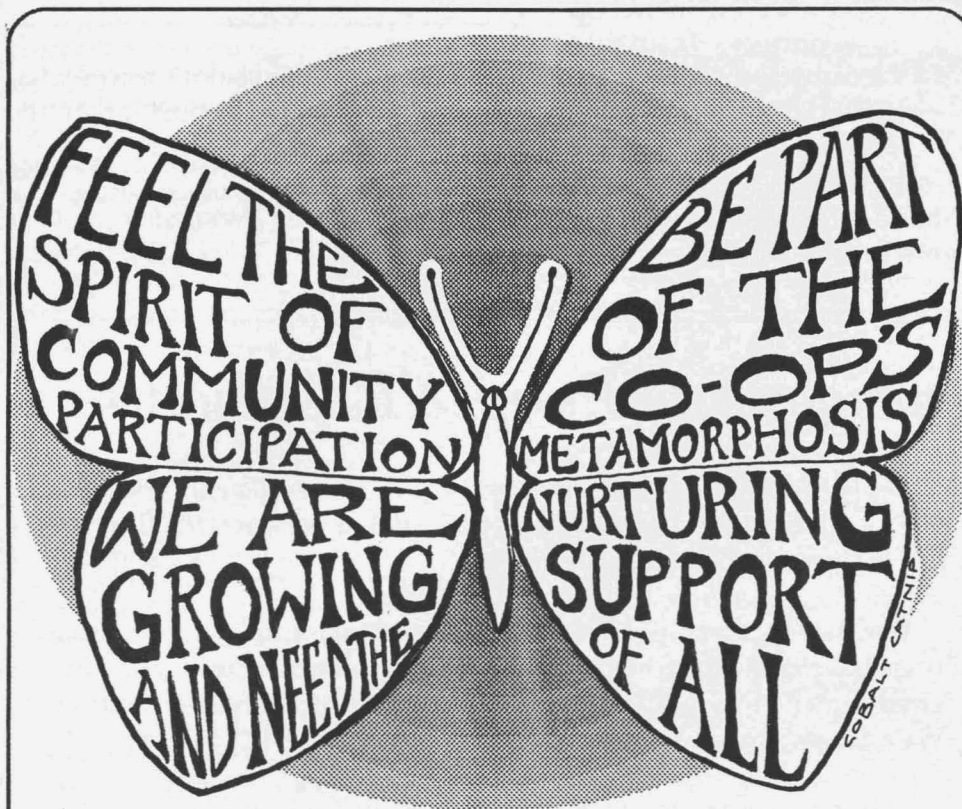
Keynote for the event will be Dr. Walden Bello, Executive Director of the Institute for Food and Development Policy speaking on "Brave New Third World? Strategies for Survival in the Global Economy." Dr. Bello, an expert on Asia and Latin America, recently co-authored a book, *Dragons in Distress*, which reveals the new economic and political crisis facing Asia's newly industrializing countries.

A second keynote, Dr. Angela Gilliam, Professor of Anthropology and Political Economy at The Evergreen State College will examine domestic conditions in her address: "Disorder in the Struggle for Equality: The Relationship Between the 'New' World Order and the Future of Civil Rights." Dr. Gilliam is the co-editor with Lenore Foerstel of a forthcoming book, *Confronting the Margaret Mead Legacy: Scholarship, Empire and the South Pacific*.

Pre-registration cost for the conference before June 7th is \$10.00 to \$20.00 (sliding fee). After June 7th, registration is \$15.00 to \$25.00. To register send your name, address, phone number, and money (checks to NW LELO) to NW LELO, 632 S. Washington, Seattle, WA 98104. For information call 754-7790.

Endorsers for this conference are the Washington State Rainbow Coalition, Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace, National Lawyers' Guild, United Farmworkers of Washington State, Labor Committee on Central America, SANE/Freeze Washington, Black Bar Association, People of Color Against AIDS Network, District 1199 NW SEIU, Church Council of Greater Seattle, American Friends Service Committee, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Committee to Defend Immigrant Rights, Region 37 - Inlandboatmen's Union, and Church Women United.

Kimberly Wilson is a fourth year Evergreen student and intern as the conference coordinator for the Committee for Justice for Domingo and Viernes. She will be pursuing a Master's of Labor Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst beginning this fall.



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Boycott Folgers Coffee

Zach Lyons

The history of violent repression and poverty in El Salvador has long been tied to coffee. But for years the activist community in the US has focused its attention on ending US foreign aid to El Salvador as a means of pressuring that country's government into peaceful, democratic reform. Now activists at Neighbor

could easily replace the very small amount of Salvadoran coffee in our blend with other coffee beans," N2N concluded that Folgers would be the best target for the boycott.

The boycott of Salvadoran coffee continues, in spite of several urges by US authorities and attempts by the Salvadoran government to stop it. Neighbor to Neighbor thus is encouraging consumers to continue to boycott P&G's Folgers coffee, un-

... coffee exports generate the second largest source of revenue for the Salvadoran government, second only to US foreign aid.

to Neighbor (N2N) have recognized that reducing coffee profits could also have the effect of bringing the government to the negotiating table.

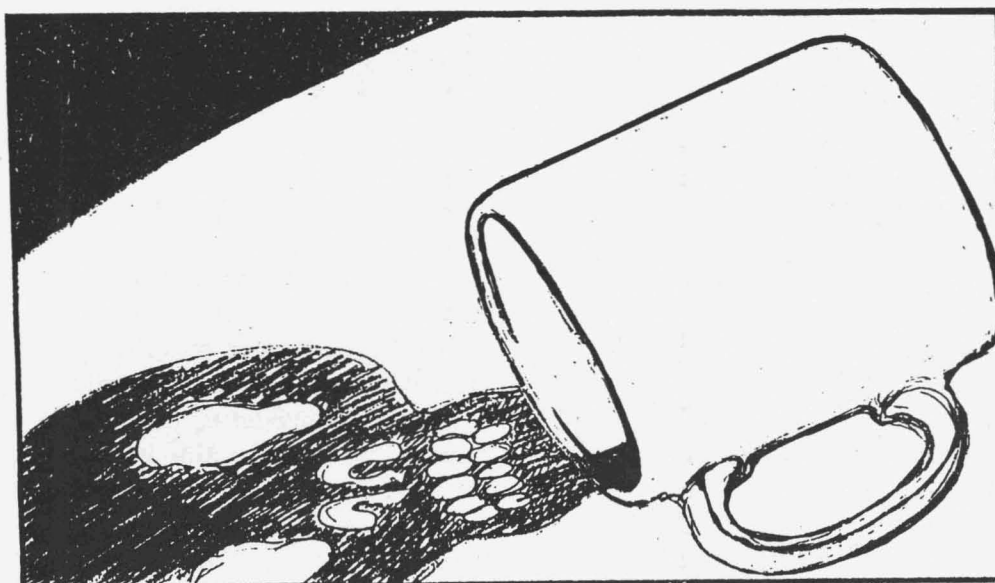
The US imports about 50% of El Salvador's coffee, most of which finds its way into major US coffee brands. And coffee exports generate the second largest source of revenue for the Salvadoran government, second only to US foreign aid. That is precisely why N2N has embarked upon a campaign to keep Salvadoran coffee out of the US: to cut off a major source of funding for the Salvadoran government.

N2N has called for a boycott of all Salvadoran coffee, but it has chosen to focus its boycott on Folgers coffee, made by Procter & Gamble (P&G). P&G claims that it is being unfairly singled out. Though all major US brands of coffee use some Salvadoran beans in their blends, some as much as 5%, P&G argues that Folgers' blend contains only about 2% Salvadoran beans, and because Folgers is the #1 selling brand, it is an easy target for N2N to use to draw attention to its issue. N2N contends that if P&G chose to honor the boycott, others will be likely to follow.

N2N recalls the tactics used by the United Auto Workers (UAW) against the big three car makers in Detroit. The UAW would target only one company at a time for a strike, with the hope that a successful resolution would influence the other two to settle. Another example of an effective use of this tactic is the boycott of all tuna by Earth Island Institute (EII) in order to prod tuna canners into protecting dolphins. EII chose to focus attention on the largest tuna company, Heinz, and when Heinz came to terms with EII, most other tuna canners quickly followed suit.

P&G has a history of responding to foreign government oppression, according to N2N. In 1979, P&G stopped buying Ugandan coffee in order to pressure leader Idi Amin on human rights abuses, and in 1985 P&G divested itself from South Africa. With this history of response, and the admission by P&G that "this is not an economic issue for us. We

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Matt Love

October Surprise

Clark Clifford, one of the foremost shapers of U.S. foreign policy since World War II, personal advisor to presidents, and a powerful Washington insider, was interviewed recently on National Public Radio on the occasion of the publication of his autobiography. His recollection of when he was tapped to replace outgoing Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara was particularly enlightening.

He described the tremendous stress on McNamara caused by the failure of American strategy in Vietnam. Troops, artillery, aerial and naval bombardment in the United States savage war of aggression against Vietnam had failed to bring about the desired capitulation.

McNamara at last was reduced to tearfully acknowledge, "I just don't know what to do", at a staff meeting, broken from "7 years of hell" as Clifford described it. I remained unmoved. The hell suffered by the millions of victims of U.S. aggression went unmentioned. It is unimportant compared to the mental anguish suffered by one member of the American ruling class when his will was thwarted.

It's worth mentioning at this point that in the April, 1990 issue of *Works In Progress*, Michael Spencer wrote "A statistic that absolutely horrifies me is that the number of suicides committed by Vietnam Veterans now exceeds the total number of deaths which occurred over in that distant land.

Approximately 60,000 Americans died in the Vietnam War; a like number of Americans involved in that conflict have since committed suicide. More than 2,000,000 Vietnamese died in the Vietnam War; this statistic "absolutely horrifies" next to nobody in this country; it's not even worth mentioning the deaths of the inhabitants of those distant lands, whose crime generally is to desire independent development outside the sphere of American control.

Spencer's omission may have been merely a matter of poorly chosen words; but comments such as his and Clifford's reveal much about the American mindset. These matters should be pointed out, and constantly examined.

Clifford also wrote about the 1968 election October Surprise. The mainstream press has finally reported allegations of a 1980 October Surprise. Most people know that scenario; the Reagan campaign team allegedly cut an arms-for-hostages deal with the Iranians to hold American hostages until after the election.

Similar rumors have long circulated about the 1968 election; in these allegations, Richard Nixon's Campaign used Anna Chennault as a liaison with South Vietnamese officials, bribing them to undercut peace talks conducted by the Johnson Administration. This would damage Vice President Hubert Humphrey's campaign for the presidency.

Chennault is saving her recollections of the event for her own autobiography; but she expresses pride in her role in approaching the South Vietnamese government on Nixon's behalf, to "get their private opinion about the 'phony' Paris Peace Talks".

Of course, these charges are absurd. Richard Nixon would never have done such a thing, would he?

And lest we look at these things as a partisan matter, where the pristine Democrats were being bamboozled by those rotten Republicans; Clifford says President Lyndon Johnson knew about the Nixon Campaign's activities, but didn't publicly discuss the matter because he learned about them through illegal wiretaps. Intelligence sources suggest Carter couldn't protest Reagan's alleged theft of the 1980 election without risking exposure of his administration's secret meetings with Iranian officials, trying to make their own arms for hostages deal to get the hostages out before the election.

Iraq

I'm so stupefied by the Iraqi slaughter I'm still unable to deal with it. I am disconcerted by how quickly attention turned away from the "war" as soon as the government and mainstream media told us it was over. The alternative press (I regularly read *Z*, *In These Times* and *The Nation*) has done a pretty good job doing the postmortem. The prevailing attitude among *Works In Progress* workers is that they and the reading public are tired of the war. This may be true, but it is still a matter for close scrutiny. Information continues to come out showing everything our government told us about events leading up to the war, and how the war was conducted, was a fantastic lie. I believe people of conscience need to push for war crime trials; and I'm not talking about for

Saddam Hussein, I'm talking about George Bush and his ilk. The destruction of Iraq's electrical, communication and water infrastructure was in itself a violation of Nuremberg principles; not to mention dropping bombs on civilians themselves.

International law, of course, creates a veneer of respectability on the actions of the powerful when they use it as justification to impose their will on the weak; it is ignored by the powerful when it is an inconvenience for them. However people who believe in the concept of civilized behavior need to constantly remind their fellow citizens what that means, since the government certainly won't. I believe calls for War Crime trials could be a useful tool in public consciousness raising.

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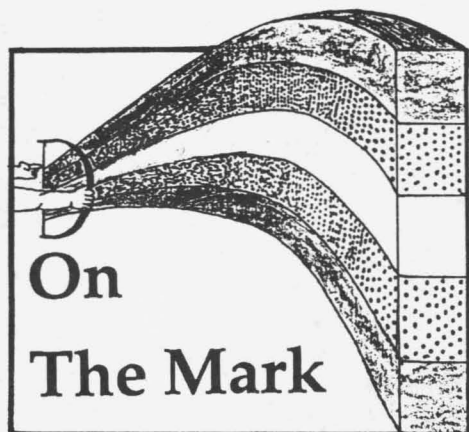
Encouraged and inspired by _____'s example, I wrote the following letter. I think that it serves as a fairly good model if anybody else is interested in joining me in this. I'm betting that they don't have a file on me. I've never done anything illegal; and though I've been a "face in a crowd" at protests of U.S. policy, I've never organized resistance, I'm ashamed to say. I am skeptical of fears that roving gangs of FBI photographers turn up at every rally, photographing the crowd and building files. This sort of paranoia scares people away from the most minimal participation in political dissent. (Of course, if you take a leadership role in opposition to government policy, it's an entirely different matter.) In any event, I figure if they do have a file on me, things are worse in this country than we might have thought. I will keep WIP's readership informed on any developments in future issues.

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Dave Jette

This is now the tenth column of "On the Mark", and it would be good to sum up where we stand. We started off last September with "The Rise and Fall of the Washington State Rainbow Coalition", which described major problems which that organization had been having since its promising start in February 1989. This was followed with "The Washington State Rainbow Coalition: Rebuilding the Vision", which suggested ways for revitalizing Washington Rainbow following its orga-

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one has to be doing) with *political leadership* (proposing courses of action for the membership to take up). The elitism of the WSRC state leadership was pointed out: they viewed their role as *organizing* (in detail) the work of the Rainbow, rather than *facilitating* the self-organized activity of the Rainbow membership, and they didn't even do a competent job at this. On a much larger scale, in December ("Democracy from Below?") we looked at non-Marxist and Marxist views of the democratic organization of society, contrasting both these views with acceptance of the (authoritarian) rule of the *coordinator class*.

The next two columns, "Creating a New Worldview" and "Is Marxism Relevant to Us?" were at the philosophical level. One's worldview is fundamental for progressive social activists, for it explains for us how all our activities in life fit together, how they influence each other, how human society has developed over the centu-

we felt was consistent with the democratic functioning of society. Last month's column, "A Marxist Vision of Socialism", elaborated upon this interpretation, explaining how democracy must be integral to socialist society, the extent to which the political rights of the defeated capitalists should be restricted, and how a vanguard-type Marxist political party might function while fully respecting the political rights of working-class and middle-class people. (Specifically, we rejected the one-party state, in which any political organization has special rights, as being antithetical to the struggle for human freedom.)

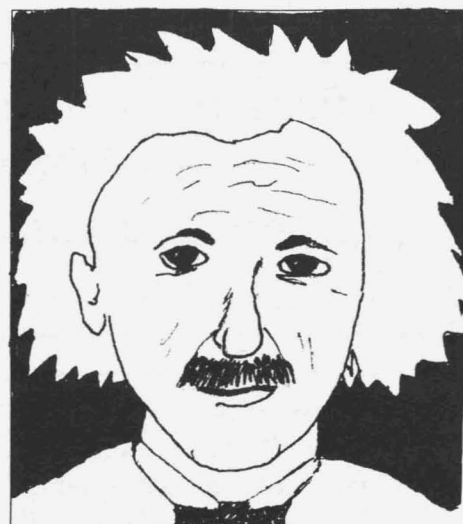
We have thus laid the theoretical basis for examining, in future columns, how progressive social activists - both Marxist and non-Marxist - might concretely carry out their work toward the goal of a truly liberated society. But in so doing we have implicitly assumed that this society of the future cannot be achieved under capitalism, that we shall first have to move to socialism before we can create a society which meets the needs of the vast majority of the people. To many readers the necessity for such a transformation may seem obvious, but it would be good to at least indicate why socialism is so vital to achieving our goals, before we get into discussing concrete ways to work toward these goals.

Some Words from Albert Einstein

There exist, of course, a great number of statements as to why capitalism should be replaced by some form of socialism, written by Marxists and non-Marxists alike. For a distinctive view on this question, let us turn to the great physicist Albert Einstein, who was also a socialist. The remainder of this section is taken from his article, "Why Socialism?", published in the May 1949 (inaugural) issue of the independent socialist monthly, *Monthly Review*:

Private capital tends to become concentrated in few hands, partly because of competition among the capitalists, and partly because technological development and the increasing division of labor encourage the formation of larger units of production at the expense of the smaller ones. The result of these developments is an oligarchy of private capital the enormous power of which cannot be effectively checked even by a democratically orga-

nized political society. This is true since the members of legislative bodies are selected by political parties, largely financed or otherwise influenced by private capitalists who, for all practical purposes, separate the electorate from the legislature. The consequence is that the representatives of the people do not in fact sufficiently protect the interests of the underprivileged sections of the population. Moreover, under existing



conditions, private capitalists inevitably control, directly or indirectly, the main sources of information (press, radio, education). It is thus extremely difficult, and indeed in most cases quite impossible, for the individual citizen to come to objective conclusions and to make intelligent use of his [sic] political rights.

Production is carried on for profit, not for use. There is no provision that all those able and willing to work will always be in a position to find employment; an "army of unemployed" almost always exists. The worker is constantly in fear of losing his job. Since unemployed and poorly paid workers do not provide a profitable market, the production of consumers' goods is restricted, and great hardship is the consequence. Technological progress frequently results in more unemployment rather than in an easing of the burden of work for all. The profit motive, in conjunction with competition among capitalists, is responsible for an instability in the accumulation and utilization of capital which leads to increasingly severe depressions. Unlimited competition leads to a huge waste of labor, and to that crippling of the social consciousness of individuals which I [i.e., Einstein] mentioned before.

This crippling of individuals I consider [to be] the worst evil of capitalism. Our whole educational system suffers from this evil. An exaggerated competitive attitude is inculcated into the student, who is trained to worship acquisitive success as a preparation for his future career.

I am convinced there is only one way to eliminate these grave evils, namely through the establishment of a socialist economy, accompanied by an

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[Albert Einstein]

nizational collapse. The September issue of *Works in Progress*, with the first of these two articles on the WSRC, was sent out to the WSRC membership statewide. Unfortunately, the state Rainbow leadership didn't like their membership knowing what had been going on, and they promptly (and illegally) relieved me of my position as a state officer (Corresponding Secretary). They also refused my formal request for permission to send out to the WSRC membership the October *WiP*, with the concluding article in that series, but the Thurston County Rainbow Coalition and I decided to ignore their preference to keep their membership in the dark, and we sent it out anyway.

This experience led to our first column on theoretical questions facing progressive social activists, a series which we are only now concluding. "Democracy in a Grassroots Organization", in November, we examined authoritarian and democratic models of organization, contrasting *organizational leadership* (working out in detail what every-

ries, what the possibilities for the future are. In January we examined a non-Marxist worldview, *complementary holism* as expounded by the book *Liberating Theory*, and the next month we took up the traditional Marxist worldview, *historical materialism*. Our conclusion was that both worldviews have their strengths and weaknesses, and we sought to indicate what was most valuable in each one.

At last we were ready to take up the Marxist vision of socialism, and in March, with "Lessons of the Soviet Experience", we argued that contrary to the propaganda both of the Soviet Union's proponents and of its pro-capitalist opponents, the Soviet Union as it developed under Stalin had nothing to do with Marxism. It remained to be seen, then, whether Marxist theory actually can help us in working toward a truly liberated society, and we started to answer this question with "The Political Relevance of Marxism" (April), which gave a particular interpretation of Marxism which



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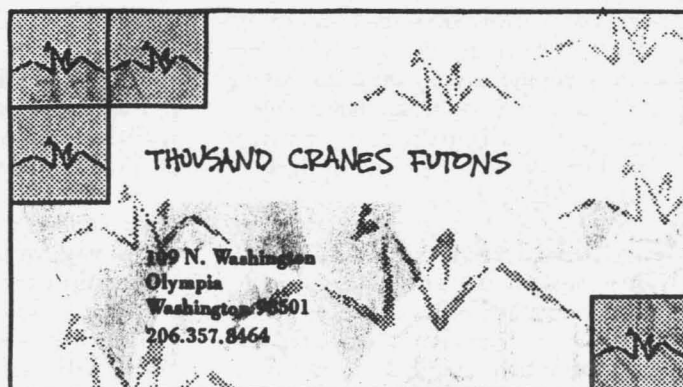
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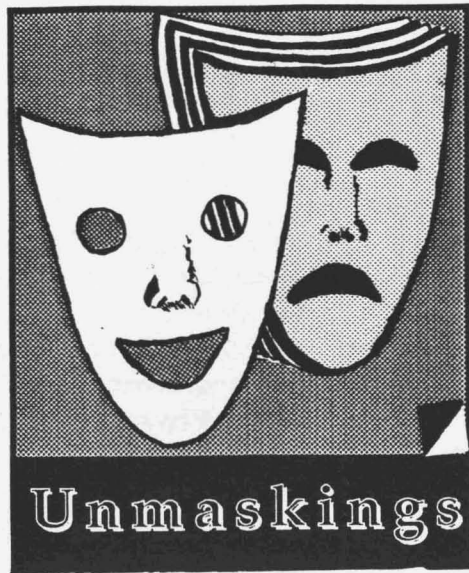


educational system which would be oriented toward social goals. In such an economy, the means of production are owned by society itself and are utilized in a planned fashion. A planned economy, which adjusts production to the needs of the community, would distribute the work to be done among all those able to work and would guarantee a livelihood to every man, woman, and child. The education of the individual, in addition to promoting his own innate abilities, would attempt to develop, in him a sense of responsibility for his fellow men in place of the glorification of power and success in our present society.

Nevertheless, it is necessary to remember that a planned economy is not yet socialism. A planned economy as such may be accompanied by the complete enslavement of the individual. The achievement of socialism requires the solution of some extremely difficult socio-political problems: how is it possible, in view of the far-reaching centralization of political and economic power, to prevent bureaucracy from becoming all-powerful and overweening? How can the rights of the individual be protected and therewith a democratic counterweight to the power of bureaucracy be assured?

A Final Reason

These reasons given by Einstein for the necessity of socialism are all quite cogent, but there is one other major reason which should be stated. This is that capitalism leads inexorably to imperialism, as Lenin scientifically explained in his "Imperialism, the Highest State of Capitalism" (1916). Already we have seen two incredibly destructive global wars fought, for no reason other than that the capitalists of one group of countries found it economically necessary to try to grab the empires of the capitalists of another group of countries. The capitalists of our own country now stand militarily unchallenged at the top of the heap, and have demonstrated on numerous occasions that they will smash as best they can any attempt on the part of the subject peoples to get free of the imperialist system. Even a vicious tyrant such as Saddam Hussein, until lately regarded as quite acceptable to the established imperial order, is chastened - his country destroyed - for daring to challenge the system through which wealth unabatedly flows from Third World to the advanced capitalist countries. Literally, people throughout the Third World live in abject poverty, with many of them dying of hunger or (easily curable) disease, in order that the upper classes of their own countries and, particularly, of the advanced capitalist countries can lead lives of luxury. Morally, there is absolutely no excuse for continuing with the monstrous system of capitalism.



Ron Jacobs

"Korea or bust!", shouts the Ft. Lewis Ranger.... "The only demons left are Cuba and North Korea," states Gen. Colin Powell at a press briefing.... "South Korean Defense Minister warns of pre-emptive strike against North Korean nuclear facilities..." say wire services. As the U.S. military digs deeper into the middle east, the spectre of renewed war rumbles in Southeast Asia.

Are we witnessing a revived propaganda campaign against the next target of the Pentagon and its corporate henchmen? We've seen it before. First comes the vilification of the "enemy" and his government. Like Saddam Hussein, Kim Il Sung of North Korea is no great hero of freedom, yet, like Saddam Hussein, his party transformed their country into a modern society where all citizens have shelter, food, education, and hope. Like Iraq, the borders of the modern day Koreas were contrived by outside powers -- primarily the United States -- for strategic and economic reasons. In addition, the government the U.S. military would "defend" is not a democracy. No matter what the corporate media tells us, the government of Roh Tae Woo is a government manufactured in the backrooms of the Pentagon and the boardrooms of New York and Tokyo. In the past four weeks, four students have died in clashes with police which began with protests against the banning of a North Korean film. Since the first protests,

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over a million workers and students have gone on strike and protests of fifty thousand to two hundred thousand have taken place in cities around the country. Meanwhile, the U.S. and South Korean militaries prepare for the largest military actions in the Korean peninsula since the Korean war.

All these goings on didn't just come out of the blue. The situation in Korea is a result of the postwar manipulations of the victors of

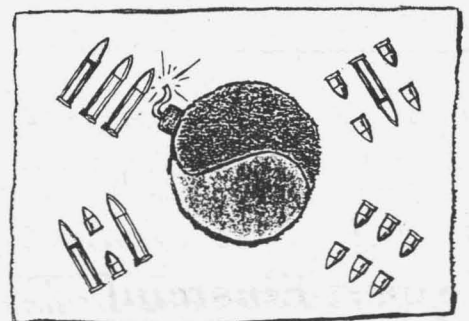
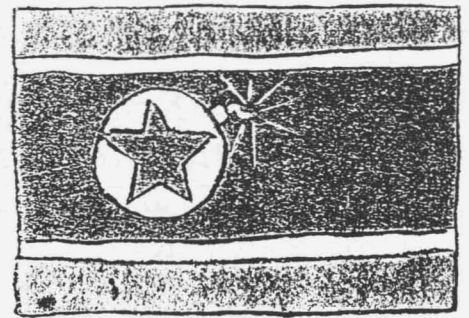
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World War II, primarily the United States. The current U.S. and S. Korean campaign against N. Korea is an Asian version of the same old (new) world order. It is important that we realize it as such and do not allow our opposition to the transnational corporate plans for the region be interpreted as support for any undemocratic regime. Instead, we need to focus on the U.S. government support for the anti-democratic S. Korean government.

What is the reason for two Koreas, anyhow? Near the end of World War II, right before the U.S. dropped the bomb on Japan, the Soviet Union moved into the northern half of Korea to fight the occupying Japanese troops. Within weeks of Japan's surrender, democratic groups of Korean peasants, merchants, and workers formed local governing organizations and began to organize a national assembly. The U.S. and U.S.S.R., meanwhile, chose to maintain a "temporary" occupation of the country with the 38th parallel as the dividing line. This occupation was to end after the Koreans established their own government, and Korea was to reunite. However, after the U.S. realized that the makeup of any Korean-organized government would be anti-colonial, it began to renege on its agreement.

Within weeks of the election of a popular national assembly, the Soviet Union began to withdraw its forces. The U.S., however, constantly on the lookout for cheap labor and an expanded marketplace, increased its military strength and coordinated "security" measures with the hated Japanese army. At the same time, Syngman Rhee, a Korean politician who'd been living in the U.S. during the war with Japan, was flown back to Korea and began to consolidate his power. Rhee was an ultra-right wing politician at the beck and call of the right wing in both U.S. and Korean politics. He quickly began to liquidate the popular movement in southern Korea and, with the complete sup-

port of China. In the days and weeks that followed, military units from the south persistently forayed into the northern half of Korea, testing its defenses. Eventually, although exact details remain hidden or unclear, northern Korean and Chinese forces attacked. On June 25, 1950, the U.S. responded, and the Korean war began. It ended a little more than three years and 1,000,000 deaths later in a stalemate, and the Asian version of the Berlin Wall was built. To this day, the countries remain in a state of war and, a year and a half after the fall of the Berlin Wall, attempts to unify Korea and end the Asian cold war



are met with violent, often murderous repression.

Instead of supporting increased repression and military action, we in the U.S. should support the Korean people from both sections in their attempts to re-unify their country. It is not in the best interests of people here, Korea, or the surrounding region, to maintain the present state of affairs. To do so, it seems, only increases the likelihood of conflict, both inside S. Korea, and throughout the region. Such a conflict could easily erupt into a bloodier repeat of 1950. To begin the establishment of a just peace in Korea, the U.S. should withdraw militarily, and end its support for the succession of repressive S. Korean regimes. This would pave the way for truly free elections and create a positive political environment for reunification talks. The alternative, as mentioned before, points toward greater strife in the south and an ever increasing chance of war.

In support of such an agenda the Korean Support Network is urging peace and anti-intervention groups and individuals to endorse their "Resolution for a Changed U.S. Korea Policy". The Network can be reached at the following address:

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port of the U.S. military, refused to acknowledge the existence of the newly elected national assembly. In the weeks following his installment as ruler of southern Korea, over 100,000 Korean citizens were murdered and disappeared. The United States military provided the names of many of these victims.

The Soviet Union, realizing the unlikelihood of a U.S. pullout, put its withdrawal on hold and asked for assistance from the People's Re-

Some Second Thoughts About Pornography

Rachel King

During my college years, I was very much opposed to pornography. I belonged to a women's group committed to ending violence against women. We believed that

spective consumer's enjoyment of the pornographic products. At age 20, I found it easy to take a position on the issue. I was anti-pornography.

However, being a feminist and a person generally to the left on most issues, it did concern me that I found myself in the company of several outspoken ultra conservatives.

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pornography contributed to violence against women, so we targeted stores where pornography was sold and committed acts of civil disobedience to draw attention to the issue. Our favorite action was to enter a store and stick pieces of chewed gum in the pages of "girlie" magazines. This would sabotage the pro-

Jerry Falwell wants to do away with pornography. So does Jesse Helms. They regard Mapplethorpe's work as pornographic and probably think that Dennis Barrie deserved to spend a year in jail. What I realized was that, most likely, if either of these noble fellows read my lesbian poetry, they would want to

put me in jail too.

Webster's defines pornography as "the depiction of erotic behavior designed primarily to cause sexual excitement." According to this definition, my poetry is definitely pornographic. So too are Mapplethorpe's photographs and Playboy magazine. Do I want these forms of expression, including my own work, banned? Can some things be legitimately censored and others not? More importantly, who makes the decision?

My personal definition of pornography is the exploitation of one person in a violent or humiliating way for the enjoyment of another. Usually the exploited person is politically less powerful than the exploiter. Therefore, women are most often exploited for the enjoyment of men, and children are exploited for the enjoyment of adults. To me, the term pornography applies to more than "adult" magazines, books and movies. I believe the images that assault us everyday in commercial advertisements, which use the sexuality of women (and men, to a lesser extent) to try to sell us something, border on the obscene.

The problem with trying to set hard and fast rules in matters of expressive choice is that individual views of what is objectionable can vary widely and, given the power, each of us would ban only those forms of expression we found personally objectionable, leaving others alone. I would not ban my poetry or Mapplethorpe's photographs, but I wouldn't mind censoring advertisers or some of the porn magazines. Such arbitrariness is obviously not an adequate model for designing legal codes to regulate expression or anything else. Where is such a model?

The Supreme Court started grappling with the pornography issue in the 1957 case of Roth v. United States. "Obscenity," the Court ruled, "is not within the area of constitutionally protected speech or press" and could, therefore, be regulated. However, the difficulty in defining obscenity prompted Justice Potter



Stewart to write, in Jacobellis v. Ohio, "I shall not today attempt to further define the kind of material I understand to be embraced by the term hard-core pornography, and perhaps I could never succeed in intelligibly doing so. But I know it when I see it..."

The great legal scholar, Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. finally came to the conclusion that devising a workable legal standard for determining obscenity was impossible. Dissenting in Miller v. California, he wrote:

"Any effort to draw a constitutionally acceptable boundary on state power must resort to such indefinite concepts as 'prurient interest,' 'patent offensiveness,' 'serious literary value'.... The meaning of these concepts necessarily varies with the experience, outlook, and even idiosyncrasies of the person defining them."

Like Justice Brennan, I've concluded that a workable definition for regulating pornography is impossible. I've tried to think up a simple definition for regulating obscenity, such as allowing all forms of sexual expression except those involving violence. Verbal humiliation, okay, but as a society we must protect people from violence. However, this definition silences sadomasochistic expression. Certainly a lot of Americans perceive S & M as harmful, but should it be

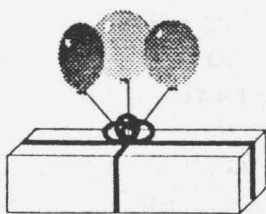
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Nevada	+13%	-15%
South Dakota	+12%	-12%
Tennessee	+11%	-10%
Washington	+6%	-18%
West Virginia	+6%	-9%

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Nebraska	16.9%
Illinois	16.5%
Connecticut	16.5%
South Dakota	16.2%
Pennsylvania	15.9%
Tennessee	15.2%
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Texas	17.1%	8.4%	3.1%	553%	273%	No
Florida	13.8%	7.6%	2.7%	518%	283%	No
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Wyoming	9.0%	5.3%	2.4%	372%	218%	No
New Hampshire	12.7%	7.6%	3.8%	329%	198%	No*
Pennsylvania	15.9%	9.8%	5.5%	287%	176%	Flat
Illinois	16.5%	10.8%	6.0%	273%	179%	Flat

* Only interest and dividends taxed.

Source: Citizens for Tax Justice.

WASHINGTON ROUNDTABLE MEMBERS	COMPANY / POSITION	CASH COMPENSATION		% INCREASE	1989 HOURLY WAGE	1989 WEEKLY WAGE
		1984	1989			
1. George Weyerhaeuser	Weyerhaeuser, Chairman of the Board	\$672,000	\$1,060,000	57.7%	\$509.62	\$20,384.80
2. Frank Shrontz	Boeing Co. Chairman of the Board	475,134	910,250	91.6%	437.62	17,504.80
3. Bruce Maines	SAFECO Corp., Chairman of the Board	277,190	529,664	91.6%	254.65	10,185.85
4. Tod R. Hamachek	PENWEST Ltd., President	90,000	534,044	493.4%	256.75	10,270.07
5. W.W. Philip	Puget Sound Bancorp., President	210,000	425,000	102.4%	204.33	8,173.08
6. A.M. Gleason	Pacificorp., President	278,420	504,200	81.1%	242.40	9,696.15
7. Bruce R. Kennedy	Alaska Airlines, Chairman of the Board	337,800	468,668	38.7%	225.32	9,012.85
8. Charles M. Pigott	PACCAR, Chairman of the Board	682,610	981,558	43.8%	471.90	18,876.12
9. Thomas H. O'Leary	Burlington Resources, President	660,000	1,050,000	59.1%	504.81	20,192.31
10. Robert S. Cline	Airborne Express, Chairman of Board	109,013	274,875	44.7%	132.14	5,286.06
11. John W. Ellis	Puget Sound Power, Chairman	187,340	371,004	98%	178.37	7,134.70
12. John M. Fluke, Jr.	John Fluke Mfg., Chairman of the Bd	280,615	308,901	10%	148.51	5,940.40
13. Louis H. Pepper	Wash Mutual Savings, Chairman of Bd	225,000	480,662	113.6%	231.09	9,243.50
14. R.P. Wollenberg	Longview Fibre, Chairman of the Board	230,514	333,200	44.5%	160.19	6,407.70
15. Paul A. Redmond	Wash Water Power Co., President	131,762	265,934	101.8%	127.85	5,114.12
16. James A. Thorpe	Wash Energy Co., Chairman of the Bd	191,000	326,000	70.7%	156.73	6,269.23

Source: Corporate Proxy Statements.

outlawed? No.

Today, I find myself supporting 2 Live Crew, a band that in my view has few redeeming characteristics. Although I personally find the lyrics of their rap songs offensive, I have to care when Florida or any other state prosecutes a rap group under obscenity laws because who's to say that my "Woman's Music" won't be next in line? The struggle of 2 Live Crew is my struggle - maybe not today, but probably tomorrow. The powers that would silence our voices are strong. If we resist together, then we may survive. Dennis Barrie was acquitted by a jury of his peers. The House of Representatives voted against attempts to impose further restrictions on the NEA. These actions, at least, were signs

that there is still hope for freedom of expression in the United States.

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(traffic, continued)

ity to improve our urban environment and increase our transportation efficiency, if we are willing to change traditional assumptions about automobile use.

Olympia has started a planning process for the fourth and fifth Avenue traffic corridor through Downtown and the Westside. A team of consultants is currently working with city staff and a citizens advisory committee. Ultimately the City Council will choose an action plan. This choice will affect not only traffic; it will impact our city budget, urban environment, air quality, energy consumption and personal mobility.

For example, several options being considered involve expanding the Westside bridges, widening streets through downtown and tearing down whole blocks to change road alignments. These projects would cost millions of dollars, would degrade the environment of downtown and adjacent neighborhoods, and would do little to improve the mobility of people who cannot drive. Any such pro-

of our transport problems: the institutional subsidies that encourage automobile use over more efficient options. Many planners now recognize that efforts to increase roadway capacity simply encourages more driving with little additional benefit. Over the last decade two urban planners, Peter Newman and J.R. Kenworth compared transportation systems in 10 typical U.S. cities. Their results, published in journal articles and the book *Cities and Automobile Dependency*, confirm what many people have long suspected:

* Reducing traffic congestion in urban areas is self-defeating because traffic congestion itself is the factor which limits demand. For example, residents are less likely to drive across town to shop or to a restaurant if traffic is slow.

* Increased road capacity encourages urban sprawl. This dispersed land use causes people to drive more to maintain the same level of access to goods and services, and increases energy consumption and air pollution.

Local transportation planners

Instead we must focus on our ultimate goal: improved mobility.

Emphasizing mobility allows a broad range of solutions to be considered. Rather than trying to accomplish the impossible task of accommodating all possible automobile trips we should encourage higher vehicle occupancy rates. This approach improves mobility by increasing the efficiency rather than the capacity of our transportation system. But there is currently little incentive for individuals to make efficient choices. Although people who car pool or ride transit use public resources efficiently, they get stuck in traffic just the same as people who drive alone.

The obvious solution is to establish High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) priority lanes through downtown Olympia.

virtually every large urban area in the United States. They improve mobility in two ways:

1. HOV lanes carry more people than a standard traffic lane. For example, although they carry relatively few vehicles, Seattle's HOV lanes carry more people each day than other lanes.

2. HOV lanes provide an incentive to use transit and ride share, thus supporting all of our other mobility, environmental and energy goals.

The east-west corridor through downtown Olympia is ideal for HOV lanes because it is a natural bottleneck and has centralized employment to support transit use and ride sharing. HOV lanes would

provide a fair reward to those people who choose to travel efficiently.

HOV priority lanes are not only cost effective they are equitable. Many strategies to encourage transit and ride sharing, such as increased parking prices and restrictive permits, impact poor people more than the rich. Such plans in effect price many people out of their cars, forcing the poor to ride buses or car pool so the wealthy can drive with less traffic congestion. HOV lanes would provide a time benefit to anybody who chooses transit or car pools without regard to income.

Our city, county and state worker transportation plans all emphasize the need to encourage efficient forms of travel. Olympia's commitment to become a sustainable community requires that we use resources more efficiently and protect our environment. Increasing roadway capacity through downtown would defeat these efforts. Considering the problems that would result from widening 4th and 5th Avenues, it seems clear that developing HOV lanes is the most sensible and fair option. This downtown traffic plan will be a test of our commitment to Olympia's stated goal to become a more efficient, equitable and attractive city.

If you would like to support this proposal or share other ideas concerning the 4th/5th Avenue corridor plan contact Dave Riker, the Olympia Traffic Planner PO Box 1967, Olympia, WA 98507 or call 753-8314.



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gram that relies on increasing roadway capacity contradicts Olympia's commitment to becoming a sustainable community. And, despite these substantial costs, such plans would not increase traffic speeds or improve mobility.

Such plans don't get at the root

have confirmed that no proposal being considered for downtown Olympia would significantly reduce traffic congestion. There is sufficient automobile demand that congestion is a limiting factor. The worst thing we can do is to try to accommodate additional motor vehicles.

Turning Our Priorities Around: Mission of The T. C. Rainbow Coalition

**Tom Freeman,
Co-Coordinator T. C. R. C.**

As a newly elected co-coordinator of the Thurston County Rainbow Coalition (TCRC), Dan Taylor and I [TCRC's other co-coordinator] want to invite each of you to our next meeting on Saturday, June 15th from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 701 Franklin S.E. The meeting agenda will include outreach, issues and membership development, priorities for the next year, a request to endorse the Sandy Nelson Defense Committee (Nelson is a reporter for the Tacoma News Tribune who has been taken off the beat and assigned desk duty because she is a political and lesbian activist), and an update on Works in Progress.

The Thurston County Rainbow Coalition's mission is to organize across the lines of color, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, class and national origin around a

common need for jobs, peace, justice and a sustainable environment.

Our commitment is to create a society free of racism, economic exploitation, social degradation and environmental destruction. We will accomplish this goal by mobilizing a new progressive majority which through direct community action, public service and involvement in the electoral arena, will build a more humane domestic and foreign policy for our nation.

Works in Progress is a fine example of TCRC's commitment to community service and action. The paper has been the primary focus of the organization for the past year, and we are proud of our accomplishments (though we still need subscribers to stay afloat). There are many other projects and concerns that need to be addressed. We have a lot of work to do; let's get busy. See you on Saturday, June 15th!

For more information on Rainbow activities, call 943-1810.

Our Bodies, Our Lives: A Women's Health Day

When should you have a mammogram? What can you do about high stress? How can we best care for our reproductive health? These are only a few of the concerns you will hear about on Saturday, June 29, when the South Sound Feminist Lecture Series sponsors a free, day-long series of presentations



and workshops on health issues important to women.

Doctors, nurses and health care agency professionals from the local community will help us provide information and a chance to discuss the questions, fears and problems we face in trying to maintain our health and our families. Topics include breast cancer and mammograms, substance abuse, AIDS, reproductive health, hazards in the workplace, sexual violence

and our changing nutritional and mental health need as we mature.

The Health Day is from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 20th and Capitol Way, in Olympia. The program is free and childcare will be provided. Let your childcare needs be known ahead of time by calling 357-7272. Bring lunch so you can enjoy the speakers during the noontime slot as well.

The planning committee for this event represents a women of varying ages, situations, and backgrounds. We still need helpful hand and minds. Call Linda at 357-7272 or Tyra at 786-8754. The South Sound Feminist Lecture Series is sponsored by Thurston County NOW, Safeplace, and The Reproductive Rights Coalition.

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